

110TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2175

To amend the Interstate Horseracing Act of 1978 to require, as a condition to the consent for off-track wagering, that horsemen's groups and host racing commissions offer insurance coverage for professional jockeys and other horseracing personnel, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 3, 2007

Mr. STUPAK (for himself and Mr. WHITFIELD) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Jockeys’ Insurance
5 Fairness Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. CONDITION FOR CONSENT OF OFF-TRACK WAGER-**
2 **ING.**

3 (a) REQUIREMENT.—Section 5(a) of the Interstate
4 Horseracing Act of 1978 (15 U.S.C. 3004(a)) is amend-
5 ed—

6 (1) in paragraph (1)—

7 (A) by redesignating subparagraph (B) as
8 subparagraph (C);

9 (B) by adding after subparagraph (A) the
10 following:

11 “(B) that as a condition precedent to such
12 consent (except in a State where jockeys, exer-
13 cise riders, or backside personnel and trainers
14 are included in a State worker’s compensation
15 program under the laws or regulations of such
16 State effective on June 30, 2006) the terms
17 and conditions of the agreement described in
18 subparagraph (A) provide that not less than 50
19 percent of any amount received by the horse-
20 men’s group under such agreement be paid by
21 the horsemen’s group to the host racing com-
22 mission for the purpose of the host racing com-
23 mission offering insurance coverage for profes-
24 sional jockeys, exercise riders, and backside per-
25 sonnel and trainers; and provided further,”; and

1 (2) in paragraph (2), by inserting before the
2 semicolon the following: “, including the consent of
3 such commission to offer insurance coverage with
4 the funds obtained by such commission based on the
5 terms and conditions of the written agreement as set
6 forth in paragraph (1)(B)”.

7 (b) DEFINITION.—Section 3 of the Interstate Horse-
8 racing Act of 1978 (15 U.S.C. 3002) is amended—

9 (1) in paragraph (22), by striking the period at
10 the end and inserting a semicolon;

11 (2) by adding after paragraph (22) the fol-
12 lowing new paragraphs:

13 “(23) ‘insurance coverage’ means health and in-
14 jury insurance for jockeys, exercise riders, and back-
15 side personnel and trainers who are employed or
16 under contract for training or horseracing in the
17 State of the host racing association and who may be
18 injured in the performance of their official duties
19 while so employed or under contract;

20 “(24) ‘exercise rider’ means an individual em-
21 ployed as a rider by a horse trainer or any other
22 person to assist in the exercising and training of a
23 horse for horseracing; and

1 “(25) ‘jockey’ means a professional jockey who
2 is licensed by one or more State to compete as a
3 rider in horseracing.”.

4 (c) AMENDMENT TO FINDINGS.—Section 2(a) of the
5 Interstate Horseracing Act of 1978 (15 U.S.C. 3001(a))
6 is amended—

7 (1) in paragraph (2), by striking “; and” and
8 inserting a semicolon;

9 (2) in paragraph (3), by striking the period and
10 inserting “; and”; and

11 (3) by adding at the end the following:

12 “(3) there is a need for the Federal govern-
13 ment, in ensuring such cooperation, to ensure that
14 jockeys, exercise riders, and backside personnel and
15 trainers who may be injured in the performance of
16 their official duties while employed or under contract
17 in horseracing receive insurance coverage.”.

18 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITION ON STEROIDS.**

19 The Interstate Horseracing Act of 1978 (15 U.S.C.
20 3001 et seq.) is further amended—

21 (1) by redesignating sections 6 through 9 as
22 sections 7 through 10, respectively;

23 (2) in section 8(a) (as so redesignated), by
24 striking “with section 6.” and inserting “with sec-
25 tion 7. A jockey, exercise rider, or trainer or other

1 backside personnel may bring such an action for a
2 violation of the condition in section 5(a)(1)(B) or a
3 violation of section 6.”; and

4 (3) by inserting after section 5 the following:

5 “PROHIBITION ON STEROIDS

6 “SEC. 6. No person may enter a horse in any horse-
7 race that is the subject of an interstate off-track wager
8 if such horse has been given anabolic steroids of any kind.
9 The appropriate host racing commission shall develop pro-
10 cedures for and administer appropriate testing for the
11 presence of anabolic steroids.”.

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